

August recess. America's working families deserve nothing less.

Proclamation 6910—National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1996

July 25, 1996

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Forty-three years ago, a negotiated cease-fire ended 3 years of open warfare on the Korean peninsula. This cease-fire came after more than 54,000 American deaths and the capture of thousands of our brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. For those who returned home, the armistice brought mixed emotions—too many of their comrades-in-arms remained prisoners of war or missing in action, and the importance of this Cold War conflict was yet to be fully understood.

Today, as the United States and South Korea maintain a strong partnership and democracy continues to sweep the globe, we remember the extraordinary sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform during the Korean conflict, and we pay tribute to their courage and their commitment to freedom. As American service men and women support the cause of peace around the world, we honor the proud legacy of our Korean War veterans who gave of themselves so that others might live in liberty. And as a testament to their proud and selfless service and sacrifice, the Korean War Veterans Memorial stands today in our Nation's Capital.

The Congress, by Public Law 104-19 (36 U.S.C. 169m) has designated July 27, 1996, as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 27, 1996, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon Government officials, educators, and the American people to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that recognize and give thanks to our Nation's distinguished Korean War veterans. I also ask

Federal departments and agencies, interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the American flag at half-staff on July 27, 1996 in memory of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton

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Proclamation 6911—Parents' Day, 1996

July 25, 1996

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

No job presents greater challenges, demands broader responsibilities, or promises more profound rewards than parenthood. Parents are daily caretakers and lifelong role models. They guide us and share the values and lessons that enable us to grow and flourish. Throughout our lives, we remember our parents' example, recognizing that their joys and aspirations, triumphs and disappointments, have shaped our experience and given us meaningful direction.

Our Nation has always depended on strong families, and we must continue to do all we can to help hardworking men and women shoulder the duties of parenthood. It is vital to support today's parents, to honor those who have taught us so much, and to impress upon young people the awesome responsibility of parenthood.

On this day and throughout the year, let us take time to celebrate the special, enduring bond between parents and children. Foster parents and stepparents, biological and adoptive mothers and fathers—all deserve our respect and gratitude. Parents open their

homes and hearts to nurture and protect us; let us offer in return our deepest appreciation for their devotion and care.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States and consistent with Public Law 103-362, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 28, 1996, as Parents' Day. I call upon the States, communities, and all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to express affectionate thanks to our Nation's parents.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 21

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denver, CO.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended an "At the Table" meeting concerning women's issues. He later attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at a private residence. He then traveled to Englewood, CO, where he attended a Democratic National Committee reception and dinner at a private residence. Later, he returned to Denver, CO.

July 22

In the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA. In the afternoon, he traveled to Monrovia, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hills.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Later, he attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at a private residence in Brentwood, CA. He then returned to Los Angeles.

July 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Sacramento, CA. In the afternoon, he attended a Democratic National Committee luncheon at a private residence. He then traveled to San Francisco, CA.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee reception at a private residence.

The President declared a major disaster in Michigan and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding June 21 through July 1.

The White House announced that the President will raise his 1997 budget request for State AIDS drug assistance programs by \$65 million.

July 24

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC. In the afternoon, he met with Executive Deputy President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa in the Oval Office at the White House.

The President announced his intention to appoint Douglas A. Horne to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Letitia Chambers to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President accorded the personal rank of Ambassador to Jacques Paul Klein in his capacity as the United Nations Transitional Administrator for Eastern Slavonia.